scheduled employments to workers including the unorganised workers. These Acts are being implemented by the States and Central Government. The Government of India has been stressing on the State Governments to vigorously implement provisions of these Acts.

The Government is also implementing various employment-oriented schemes and programmes to provide gainful employment to the labourers. Some of such schemes/programmes include, Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, National Social Assistance Programme, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojaya, Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Swaranjayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, Sampooran Grameen Rojgar Yojana, etc.

Unemployed youth in N.E.R.

298. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated / uneducated unemployed youth in the North-Eastern Region at present alongwith category-wise details, *viz.*, physically handicapped, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other weaker sections of the society, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to these people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The details of the number of educated, uneducated, physically handicapped, Scheduled Castes, Schedules Tribes and other backward classes job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges in the States in the North-Eastern Region are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below). District-wise details are not maintained.

(b) The approach to Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of the 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a

wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential. All these will help employment generation in North-Eastern States also.

Statement

No. of job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.2000

Selected States	No. of job-seekers on Live Register (in thousands)					
	10th standard and above as on 31.12.1999	Below 10th Standard including illiterate as on 31.12.1999	Physically Handi-capped Persons	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	other Backward Classes
Arunachal Pradesh	2.9	13.0	@	0.3	9.9	0.2
Assam	1045.6	444.7	4.6	92.0	161.7	177.0
Manipur	281.3	104.3	1.6	6.1	114.7	0.3
Meghalaya	19.6	16.5	0.1	0.2	28.4	0.2
Mizoram	43.3	50.3	0.3	—	87.7	—
Nagaland	20.0	15.5	0.2	0.2	36.6	2.5
Sikkim*						
Tripura	98.2	187.6	1.7	45.7	41.3	5.0
Total :	1510.9	831.9	8.5	144.5	480.3	185.2

Note: * No Employment Exchange is functioning in the State.
@ Less than fifty.

Decline in employment Ratio

299. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment ratio in both public and private sector has been showing a declining trend particularly from the year 1996;